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Dear Mr. Daniels:

The Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce, representing nearly 1,400 businesses and over 7,000 employees, enthusiastically endorses the Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan as adopted by the Salton Sea Authority.

The time is now to move past the study phase to the action phase. The future of the Salton Sea is much too important to the economic vitality of our valley to let another few years pass while yet more studies are undertaken.

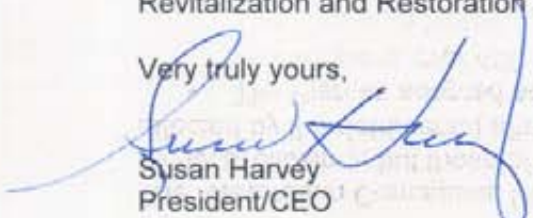
The Restoration Conceptual Plan as adopted by the Authority addresses the needs not only of the local citizenry, but those of anyone within southern California or Arizona who would be affected by the detrimental effect of increased dust in our air if the sea is allowed to dry up.

- The Plan as adopted addresses the need to continue the link within the Pacific flyway that supports over 400 species of birds.
- The Plan as adopted addresses the increased salinity issue by reducing the size of the water mass, treating the water, and developing a safe way to dry up a portion of the lake bed.
- The Plan as adopted enhances habitat for fish and bird populations.
- The Plan as adopted provides water for recreational use – thereby enhancing the economic viability of the area.

The Plan best meets the needs of residents of Palm Desert and the entire Coachella Valley, to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality. It will revitalize the Sea as a local economic development engine.

For these reasons, the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce enthusiastically supports the Revitalization and Restoration Conceptual Plan as adopted by the Salton Sea Authority.

Very truly yours,


Susan Harvey
President/CEO

